(c) The Project in the form prepared was not complete in all details. The State Government was advised to recast the proposals.

(d) Does not arise.

Stealing of Idols

1644. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned 'Mandir se Moortia Lootene Wale Saat Bangladeshi Pakare gaye' appearing in the Dainik Jagaran, dated Septemer 14, 1996;

(b) if so, whether the Said Bangladeshi are the illegal infiltrators;

(c) if so, the action being taken to deport them; and

(d) the time by which all the illegal infiltrators from Bangladesh are likely to be deported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). All the seven persons arrested in the case are illegal immigrants. However, none of them has been so far deported as they are presently in judicial custody and facing trail in the court.

(d) The identification/deportation of illegal imigrants is a continuing process.

[Translation]

Import of Urea

1645. SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Karsan Company involved in the alleged Urea Scam had recenly sent a consignment of sub-standard urea which was rejected;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (c). A vessel "IZMAIL" purported to be carrying 9006 metric tonnes of urea despatched by M/s. Karsan Ltd. against their contract with M/s. National Fertilizers Ltd. (NFL) called at Bhavnagar Port on 17.9.96. As the quality test report furnished by M/s. Karsan reflected that the material contained in the vessel did not fulfil the contractual quality specifications, M/s. NFL rejected this consignment. In view of the breach of contract committee by M/s. Karsan's, due to their inability to supply the Contracted urea, M/s. NFL have terminated the contract on 6.10.96. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI is engaged in conducting investigations in this case in India as also in various other countries. Government of Switzerland has been requested to freeze the amounts available in the account of M/s. Karsan Ltd. and any other connected accounts. The Government of Switzerland has also been requested to seize these amounts and repatriate them to India.

[English]

Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative

1646. SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA :
SHRI HARADHAN ROY :

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Farmers' Fertilizer Co-operative (IFFCO) is considering to set up a urea plant in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) and (b). At present, IFFCO does not have any proposal to set up an ammonia-urea plant in the State of West Bengal. However, the corporate plant of IFFCO envisages that its next fertiliser plant will be located in the eastern zone and that work on this project proposal will start only after substantial progress has been achieved in the implementation of IFFCO's Nellore project in Andhra Pradesh.

Transportation and Storage of Wheat

1647. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Warehousing Corporation has been assigned the responsibility of transportation and storage of wheat including the imported wheat;

(b) if so, the reasons for shifting this responsibility from the Food Corporation of India; and

(c) the estimated amount likley to be spent on the transportation and storage of wheat particularly the imported wheat by the Central Warehousing Corporation as compared to the Food Corporation of India?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) to (c). Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) make arrangements for handling and transport of the stocks of foodgrains of bulk depositors including FCI at their request and for this purpose CWC appoints handling and transport contractor.

Between August, 1992 to Jul, 1993, CWC undertook part handling of imported Wheat on behalf of FCI and